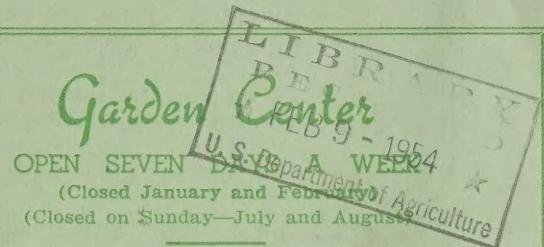
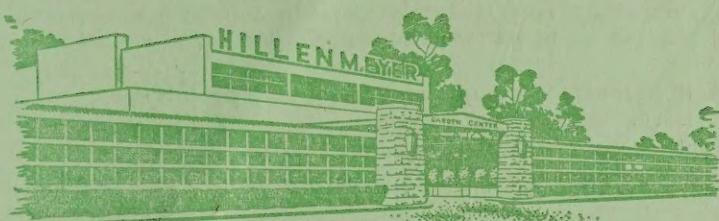


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Timely tips for garden lovers!

Hello Folks:

The thrill of springtime is just ahead. Looking forward to springtime in the garden is one of the delights of the winter interlude. There is no true gardener who does not pause and reflect on the successes and failures of the year past or who fails to spend many hours dreaming over the great awakening of the spring garden with all its promise of new opportunities and new rewards. And wherever there is a garden there will be found a house rich in contentment.

Let's take for our slogan—"MORE PLEASURES OUTDOORS IS THE TIP FOR '54." There is nothing finer after the long winter months than to get ones hands in the soil, and no feeling finer than that of being physically tired from wholesome work outdoors.

Growing things constantly change. This change affects the appearance of the plantings. Make a check-up of the grounds now and see what changes have occurred during last year's growing period — make a note of plants which should be removed and rearranged and where new ones can be included. Then plan to do as much of the work as possible this spring.

Pruning and spraying are the chief needs to be looked after right now. Ornamental trees and fruit trees can be thinned or shaped to good advantage while the leaves are off and before sap starts running.

Spraying for scale should be done while plants are dormant. Dormant spraying can be done on a clear, calm day, but never when temperature is below freezing.

A few other tips for this month are . . .

This is a good time to clean and sharpen garden tools. Paint garden furniture ready for summer use . . .

To make certain of a good lawn, don't spare the plant food. Good seed is not enough . . .

Pick bagworms off of Arbor-Vitae, Junipers, etc. during the winter months. Otherwise they will hatch out in the spring and add to your worries . . .

This is a good time to plan for a few bird-houses. Remember the birds are our greatest garden friends . . .

Sprays of the early flowering shrubs can be cut and placed in water in the house where the flowers will quickly develop. Pussy Willow, Forsythia, Flowering Quince, etc. can be forced in this way — and what a cheery note they will add to the home . . .

Let's not forget that trees are friends of man — trees are also the friends of birds, the bees and are one of the greatest glories of nature. They give a lot and ask but little. Plan now to plant trees this spring, they'll be giving shade and beauty for many years to come . . .

And for accents in the shrub border, why not plant some small ornamental trees this spring . . .

After the rush and distractions of the holidays, we all like to "sit a spell" and think about our goals for the year ahead. An important part of your gardening goal is a PLAN, an organized outline of how to attain what you expect and want from your yard . . .

Equally important with planning, we feel, is IMAGINATION. Oftentimes, a finished garden is less interesting — for half the fun in gardening, as in other things is the striving toward a goal.

IMAGINATION — PLANNING — ATTAINING — there should be an endless cycle laid out for every garden for every gardener who wants to keep on enjoying his garden to the utmost. HAPPY NEW YEAR IN YOUR GARDEN!

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And your hands begin to harden,
That you find yourself a partner
In the Glory of the Garden." — Kipling

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